GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:124
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IMPORT OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the import policy of the Union Government relating to fertilizer;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to ban the import of fertilizers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the countries from which fertilizers were imported during the last three years and the quantum thereof, country-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred QuestionNo. 124 to be answered on 29.7.2003 regarding import of fertilizers

(a): As per the Export and Import Policy, 2002-07 of Government of India, all fertilizers including their raw materials and intermediates except urea are decanalized whose imports are made freely on private trade account. In case of urea, import is arranged through the State Trading Enterprises (STEs) namely, M/s. MMTC Ltd., M/s. State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. and M/s. Indian Potash Limited.

(b): No Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The country wise quantities of urea, DAP and MOP imported in the last three years are as under:

Urea (In thousand tonne)

Country	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
Bangladesh	-	31	-
CIS	25	178	-
Iran	-	17	54
Kuwait	-	-	41
Libya	-	19	19
Qatar	-	42	21
Ruwais	33	75	28
Saudi Arabia	10	43	14
UAE	-	-	10
Total	68	405	187

Note: During 2001-02, against 4.05 lakh MT, 2.20 lakh MT of urea was imported on Government account for sales to farmers. The remaining quantity of urea was for manufacturing of complex fertilizers.

DAP (In thousand tonne)

Country	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003#
USA	325	497	202
CIS	101	21	76
Jordan	275	258	73
Morocco	160	108	32
Australia	-	49	-
Total	861	933	383

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(Source FAI)

MOP (In thousand tonne)

Country	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003#
Canada	179	175	206
Germany	100	97	167
Isreal	401	356	412
Jordan	551	614	446
CIS	1415	1568	1372
Total	2646	2810	2603

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(Source: FAI)